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1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN ATLANTIC NEWS ON 17 JUNE 1977, AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE MISSION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, WHO BELIEVED IT WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY OUR RESOLVE.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

SUBJECT: PENTAGON DIRECTIVE WHICH POINTS TO AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO IMPROVE ARMAMENTS COOPERATION

- IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT AT THE LAST NATO MINISTERIAL SESSION, THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION MANIFESTED ITS INTENTION TO REDUCE THE PRESENT IMBALANCE IN TRANSATLANTIC DEFENCE EQUIPMENT TRADE - THAT IS TO SAY, TO REDRESS THE
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"TWO-WAY STREET" BALANCE, THROUGH STANDARDISATION AND INTEROPERABILITY, IN ORDER TO MAKE THE ALLIED FORCES MORE EFFICIENT - , DOUBTS ARE STILL BEING EXPRESSED IN CERTAIN ATLANTIC QUARTERS CONCERNING THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES WILL SUCCEED IN ATTAINING THIS OBJECTIVE.
- CONSEQUENTLY, "ATLANTIC NEWS" FEELS IT IS USEFUL TO PUBLISH A FEW EXTRACTS FROM AN INTERNAL AMERICAN DEPARTMENT

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OF DEFENSE DIRECTIVE WHICH SHOWS THAT EVEN BEFORE THE LAST NATO MINISTERIAL SESSION (FOR THE DIRECTIVE IS DATED 11 MARCH 1977), MR. CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION WANTED TO SET OFF A PROCESS IMPROVING BOTH THE STANDARDISATION AND INTER-OPERABILITY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCESS OF EUROPEAN EQUIPMENT TO THE AMERICAN MARKET.

- HERE ARE THE MAIN POINTS OF THE PENTAGON DIRECTIVE ENTITLED "THE STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION":

- " ... IT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES THAT EQUIP-MENT PROCURED FOR U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN EUROPE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY SHOULD BE STANDARDIZED OR AT LEAST INTEROPERABLE WITH EQUIPMENT OF OTHER MEMBERS" OF NATO.

- "THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL ACTIVELY SEEK STANDAR-DIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS AND EQUIP-MENT WITHIN NATO ON A PRIORITY BASIS IN ORDER TO CONSERVE RESOURCES AND INCREASE THE COMBINED COMBAT CAPABILITY OF U.S. AND NATO FORCES.

- "WHILE CURRENT U.S. POLICY DICTATES THAT THE MAJORITY UNCLASSIFIED

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OF U.S. GENERAL PURPOSE FORCES BE PLANNED AND EQUIPPED FOR A EUROPEAN CONFLICT, THE WORLDWIDE ORIENTATION OF U.S. FORCES MAY DICTATE DIFFERENCES IN SOME EQUIPMENT EXPECTED TO BE USED IN OTHER THAN THE NATO AREA". THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE "WILL REVIEW THESE DIFFERENCES AND WILL SEEK TO MINIMIZE THEIR POSSIBLE IMPACT ON NATO STANDARDIZATION...".

- "THE DOD (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE) COMPONENTS (THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND THE DEFENSE AGENCIES) WILL INCLUDE STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY GOALS AS FUNDAMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR BOTH MAJOR AND MINOR EQUIP-MENT ITEMS, AND:

- 1. THEY WILL CONSIDER NATO ALLIES' SYSTEMS, SYSTEM DERIVATIVES, SUBSYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS EARLY IN THE DEVEL-OPMENT CYCLE WEIGHING THE ADVANTAGES OF STANDARDIZATION IN TERMS OF ALLIANCE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS AS WELL AS IMPACT ON U.S. FORCES.

- 2. THEY WILL SEEK AGREEMENT WITHIN NATO ON MILITARY

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OPERATIONAL NEEDS, NEW WEAPON SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, AND SCHEDULES FOR NEW WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION, BASED ON AGREED NATO DOCTRINE AND OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS.

- 3. WHEN NECESSARY, THEY WILL EMPLOY MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL LICENSING AGREEMENTS WITH NATO ALLIES TO ACHIEVE STANDARDIZATION OR TO FACILITATE INTEROPERABILITY ...

- 4. THEY WILL SEEK TO ESTABLISH NATO CONFIGURATION CONTROL GROUPS FOR NEW WEAPON SYSTEMS TO BE USED BY BOTH THE U.S. AND OTHER ALLIES IN EUROPE.

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- 5. THEY WILL SUPPORT PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH NATO COUNTRIES DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE AN EQUITABLE AND COMPETITIVELY DETERMINED FLOW OF DEFENSE TRADE WITHIN NATO. WHEN PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN DEFENSE ITEMS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED NATO STANDARDIZATION OR INTEROPERABILITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MAY WAIVE THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUY AMERICAN ACT".

- "DOD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) ACTIVITIES WILL PURSUE A MUTUALLY COOPERATIVE AND BENEFICIAL POLICY REGARDING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH NATO PARTNERS ... THIS POLICY IS INTENDED TO FOSTER AN EARLY MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION ... THIS POLICY WILL BE EXERCISED

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WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSING
THE IMPACT OF WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ON U.S. NATIONAL
SECURITY OBJECTIVES.

- "... THE PRESIDENT MAY WAIVE OR REDUCE THE CHARGES TO
NATO AND NATO MEMBER NATIONS FOR ANY NONRECURRING COSTS FOR
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RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIP-
MENT WHEN SUCH A WAIVER OR REDUCTION WILL SIGNIFICANTLY
ADVANCE NATO STANDARDIZATION." END TEXT. STREATOR

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